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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining the above-identified application for patent please amend the claims as indicated herein:

**AMENDMENT – IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-39 without prejudice. Please amend to add the following claims 40-59  
for examination:

1       40.     A method comprising:  
2              freezing a biological material, wherein freezing includes:  
3                  immersing the biological material in cooling fluid;



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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified Nonprovisional application for patent are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment (5 pages); and
2. Confirmation Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Simon, Galasso & Frantz PLC Deposit Account No. 50-1259 under Reference No. Supachill11.

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